DANISH ISLANDS INQUIRY TUESDAY

Committee Unanimously Decides That Hearings Will Be Open to the Public.

DANISH OFFICIAL'S COMMENT.

Says the Alleged Scandal Is the Result of a Quarrel Between Christmas and Gron.

Washington, March 29.- The special committee appointed by Speaker Henderson to investigate allegations in connection with the Danish West Indies purchase held an executive meeting to-day and determined to begin the investigation next Tuesday at

The committee unanipously decided that the hearings would be open to the public. Chairman Dalzell was authorized to make any arrangements to secure the presence of witnesses. It was understood, however, that several parties would appear voluntarily without being summoned.

As the charges showed that they had been brought to Representative Richardson's attention by Niels Gron, it was considered desirable that the latter should appear, and he probably will be heard on

Danish Official's Views.

Copenhagen, March 29-In an interview with a representative of the Associated Press to-day on the subject of Congressman Richardson's resolution for the appointment of a committee to inventigate charges made by Captain Christmas in connection with

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"Neither Christmas nor Gron ever received credentials as event for the sale of Danish West Indies. They never negotiated with Washington and have in no way influenced the negotiation. These were conducted through Laurits S. Swensor, the United States Minister here and Constant. United States Minister here, and Constan-tina Brun, the Danish Minister at Washington. The Danish Government is under no obligation to any private persons in connection with the sale. Hence, no com-

"The alleged scandal is the result of a quarrel between Christmas and Gron. The latter claimed he effected the sale and that, hence, he wanted a commission. that, hence, he wanted a commission, Christmas made a similar claim, accomparied by a confidential report to the Danish Government consisting statements regarding bribery, etc., as recently published in Washington. Most of the report was printed by the Danish bless some time ago. Gron, seeing it was hopeless to expect a commission, started for Washington with Christmas's report in his pocket, boasting to the antisale advocates here that he would be revenged by influencing Congress to decline to pass the appropriation for the purchase of the islands.

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"Before the commencement of the negotiations, Christmas and Gron actually tried to become connected with the matter as agents. The then Premier, Doctor Hoerring, gave them some encouragement and private parties favoring the sale furnished small amounts for their traveling expenses. Dector Hoerring was indiscreet. He discussed a commission, but bribery was not suggested. He and the other parties speedily discovered that they had been imposed upon and broke of their connection with Christmas and Gron, considering them to be without influence. Christmas has now been forced to declare that his report of bribery was false."

WOMAN FOUND IN A DITCH. Miss Mary Rickaby Wands From Home Thursday Night.

Miss Mary Rickaby of No. 3027 Rutger street disappeared from her home Thursday night, and was found yesterday afternoon lying asleep in the thick clay of a ditch near Eager road and Hereford street by Police Officer Drier of the Mounted District. She stated that she had been living too cumptuously and had decided to fast for a time. She was taken to her home and then, at the request of her brother, Thomas Rickaby, was forwarded to the City Hospital for observation.

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Thursday night, while her brother was at supper, she slipped out of the back door of the house and was not seen again till yesterday afternoon. Her disappearance was reported to the police.

Police Officer Drier was riding along Eager road, when he saw a woman asleep in a ditch. He pulled her from the mud.

At the hospital she gave a rambling account of her adventures since leaving home Thursday night. She is about 65 years old and lives with her brother in Rutger street.

COUNTY COURT WILL PROVIDE.

Drought Sufferers in Pulaski County, Mo., Will Be Cared For.

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REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Dixon, Mo., March 28.—Owing to the many contradictory reports that have gone out as to the condition of the drought sufferers of the southern part of this (Pulaski) county, the County Court has made a call for all citizens of the county who are in needy circumstances and are not able to provide seed for this spring's planting to call on them at the Courthouse, in Waynesville, April 8, and their wants will be provided for by the court.

Military Discharges. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., March 29.—Honorable dis-charges from the military service of the State were issued to-day by Adjutant Gen-eral Reece to Privates Paul R. Jamison, Frank K. Harting and Andrew Shank and Trumpeter John Sampson, all of Company E. Fixth Infantry, Illinois National Guard.

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O'Fallon, Ill., March 29.—The public schools of this city will close Thursday and Friday. April 3 and 4. The eather corps of teachers are to attend the Southern Illinois Teachers' Association at Centralia. Professor W. R. Dorris, principal of the schools of this city will have a paper on "High School Studies in the City and Rural Schools."

Cattle in Good Condition. Cattle in Good Condition.

Guthrie, Ok., March 23.—Cattle conditions are first class throughout Oklahoma, and despite the unusual cold winter the cattlemen say their loses will not exceed 3 percent. Cattle are now feeding on the pastures made luxuriant by recent heavy rains, and there are many shipments of stock cattle from Texas and other points into the two Territories to take advantage of the pastures.

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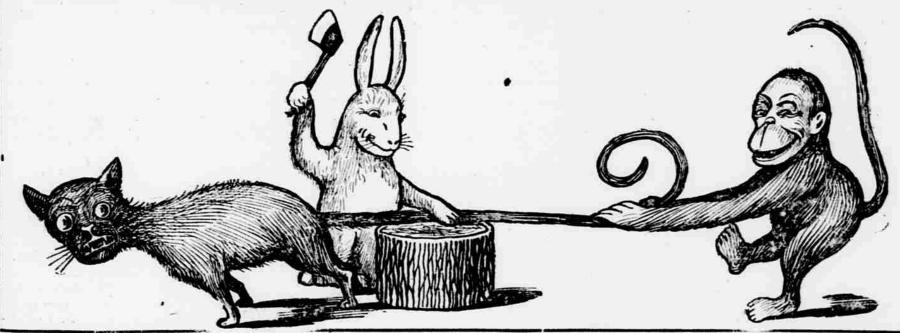
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"Dear Sirs—Yours was received, and I had no trouble in making use of the receipt as directed, and can truthfully say it is a boon to weak men. I am greatly improved in size, strength and vigor."

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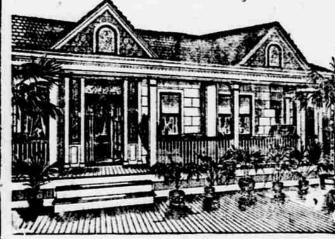
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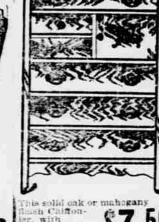
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DOMESTIC SCIENCE STUDIES AND SHOP WORK IN SCHOOLS

John W. Witt, Instructor of Manual Training at Columbia School: Tells of the Progress Made in the Public Educational Institutions-Advises Expenditure of More Money for This Work.

Domestic-science studies and shopwork, instituted as an experiment four years ago at the Columbia Public School, corner of Garrison and St. Louis avenues, proved such a practical and popular success that similar departments have been established at Eads, Jefferson, Fleid, Shepard and Hodgen schools. The city is so divided into districts for attendance at these departments that the advantages of industrial training are brought within the reach of all pupils in the seventh and eighth grades of the city schools. The Columbia district includes Blair, Eliot, Irving, Arlington, Benton and Columbia schools. and the other stations are so arranged as to cover the rest of the city school districts.

BY JOHN W. WITT.

Instructor of Manual Training at the Columbia Public School.

1898 Professor C. M. Woodward of Washington University interested Mr. Wil-

its origin in St. Louis, yet St. Louis was the iast city of any consequence in the United States to adopt this form of child-development in her public schools. At the end of the first year the School

Washington University interested Mr. William Barr and several public-spirited citizens of St. Louis in the subject of manual training and domestic science as a part of the work of the public school children. At their own expense these persons fitted out a "shop" for boys and a "kitchen" for girls at the Columbia School. While the first manual training school in this country had



school. The boys are taught drafting and the elements of woodwork, and the giris needlework, cocking and household econom-ics.

Cooks and carpenters are not turned Cooks and catpenters are not turned out by the public schools. It is not expected or desired that every graduate of our public schools should be a cook or a carpenter. The thing aimed at is mental development. Manual training stimulates mental growth in the direction of correct observation, sound judgment and habits of system, precision and accuracy. It invests the whole school programme with a new interest, giving the boy an inducement to remain at school longer than he otherwise would have done. It gives a boy executive skill. He is taught correct methods of handling tools and working wood.

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The method of teaching manual training now in vogue in our public schools is the "Sloyd" system. In it, from the start, the boys make useful objects in wood. Most of these the boys are allowed to take home. Some few are kept on hand for exhibition purposes. In themselves, these models have little value, but they are so planned as to include in the making some principle of tool practice or method of wood joining, so that when a boy has made them all he has a fair knowledge of the use of the most common wood-working tools and has learned something of wood construction. Of every medel the boy makes he must make a correct mechanical drawing, thus teaching him the principles of draughting, and also to work from "blue prints," or, in this case, working drawings.

A plan suggested by Professor Hawkins, principal of the Irving School, The boys receive instruction in wood-working for two years. At the end of one and a half years the boys who have done satisfactory work are allowed to design a model of some difficulty for themselves, to be made during the remaining half year. The boys furnish the material for these "final" models themselves. Some of the models planned, many,

of which have been finished, are work benches similar to those in use at the school, medical cabinets, bookcases, and one bey is even building an automobile. This idea of letting the boys plan for themselves during the last haif year, when they have learned to master their tools, has done much to stimulate the boys to greater effort and better work.

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Manual training is no longer an experiment. It never has been a "fad." It is a natural and healthy method of child-development. It is a means of educating the "whole bov." both mind and hand. To show that St. Louis people appreciate its benefits, the School Board, in its plans for the new High School to be built soon, has made elaborate provision for continued instruction in manual training, both in wood and iron.

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The average St. Louis schoolboy leaves school at an earlier age that the boy of any other large American city. If the fact that manual training kept the boys at school a little longer were its only strong point, that alone would be enough to recommend it. Proper education, such as is unquestionably furnished in our splendid public schools, makes better citizens of our boys. That being the case, St. Louis would be well repaid if she out a little more money into her schools, and consequently less into her police force and jails.

Kansas Wheat in Good Condition. Topeka Kas. March 29.-Reports from nearly all the counties in the wheat belt hearly an the counties in the wheat beit say the wheat crop in Karsas this year is in good condition, and that the yield will be very large. The weather for the past three weeks has been especially favorable to wheat, and as the cold did not injure the product nearly so much as was reported, there is no more occasion for alarm as to SHELBINA'S COLLECTOR FOUND Charged With Being Short in His Acounts With the City.

EPUBLIC SPECIAL Clarence, Mo., March 29.-The officers of Shelby County have at last apprehended Shelby County have at last apprehended John Carnahan and brought him back to the county to answer to the charge of misappropriating about 1600 of the money belonging to the city of Shelbina. Carnahan left Shelbina about the 20th of last January, going with a load of stock to St. Louis. After arriving there no trace of his whereabouts could be ascertained.

The family searched and advertised for him, but he could not be located, and they finally gave up in despair, thinking that he had possibly been fouily dealt with.

Carnahan was elected City Collector of Shelbina in 1800, and about the time of his disappearance it developed that there was a shortage of 1800 in his accounts with the city. Last week Sheriff Kemper received word that he had been located at Salina. Pa. The authorities there were immediately notified to place him under arrest and hold him for the Missouri officers. This was done, and after obtaining the necessary papers. Deputy Sheriff E. E. Collier went to Pennsylvania to bring him back. He arrived with him last nght, and placed him in fail, to await his trial. He will, however, likely be admitted to ball.

Carnahan has a wife and two children. He is a member of the Massonic Lodge, the K. of P., the M. W. A., the Maccabees, the Odd Fellows and the Court of Honor. John Carnahan and brought him back to

MR. SPRAGUE SAYS